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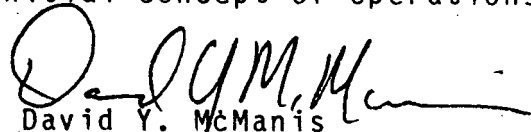
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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SUBJECT : Improvement of Watch Office Communications

1. During a recent meeting of the Washington Area Operations-Intelligence Center Chiefs (WAOCC) Conference, the Chiefs spent a great deal of time discussing the need for improved informal communications between their centers. They also noted the early success of FLASHBOARD and believe that some similar capability would be even more useful to them. Their intent is to have a common means of exchanging informal tip-offs, statements of interest, and coordination of reports and papers.

2. Request the assistance of the ICS in developing a prototype which could be used to investigate the applicability of technology to this problem. Either the FLASHBOARD model or the "NFIB-net" Wang-based system could be used. The WAOCC will provide a working group for the development of a more detailed statement of requirement and an initial concept of operations.

  
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